Increasing the power generation capacity

†257. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the capacity of the Power Generation Centres is decreasing in the country at present;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) the measures being taken by the Government to increase the Power Generation Capacity of these Centres?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The following measures have been taken by the Government to increase the generation capacity of power generation centres:

(i) Time bound programme for Renovation & Modernization of Thermal Power Stations.

(ii) Overall increase in Plant Load Factor of Thermal Units.

(iii) Load Management and staggering of weekly off and recess hours.

(iv) Renovation & Modernization of hydro electric power stations in the country.

Financial assistance to ongoing projects of NTPC

258. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is not giving proper financial assistance to National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) for ongoing projects in the country and abroad;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the expansion programme of NTPC during the next fiscal year?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) NTPC has not sought any budgetary support for its ongoing projects.

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